

(Washington, DC)- Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) made the following statement in advance of President Obama's State of the Union Address:

**“Tonight, I will sit with my Republican colleague Congressman Bill Johnson and the entire Ohio Delegation, including Senators Brown and Portman, at President Obama’s State of the Union address. While I may have ideological differences with Republican members of our delegation, we share the understanding that the problems Ohio is facing transcend party lines. Congress cannot encourage job growth or wealth creation when we restrict ourselves to ‘left’ or ‘right’ – what we really need is a unified, bipartisan effort to move America forward. I anticipate that the President will focus his address on the challenges we face together as we rebuild our economy, invest in our physical and technological infrastructure, and compete in a global marketplace. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress as we work toward to achieve our shared goals of recovery, security, and prosperity.”**

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